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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Informal Application dated September 29, 2000, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested. A copy of said Notice is enclosed with this paper.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the attached "abstract of the invention" page identified as "Case 4-19924C/C1C1" as the last page of the application.

No fees are believed due with this amendment; if however, any fees are due, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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This application is considered to be informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. The period within to correct the informalities noted below and avoid abandonment is set in the accompanying Office action.

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- An abstract in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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